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Subject: Forest Service Road 23N18 Closure

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I have decided it is necessary to close Forest Service Road 23N18, as described in Order No. 11-11-11, until culvert replacement has been completed.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to ensure the safety of the public, Forest Service employees, and construction company personnel, it is my decision to institute a temporary road closure, beginning August 30, 2011 to general public use on Forest Road No. 23N18 between Forest Roads 23N18F and 23N57 located on the Feather River Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest. The above road is located in Section 15, T 23 N, R 7 E. The order will remain in effect through September 16, 2011. The closure will remain in effect 24 hours a day during the closure period.

During work hours, unauthorized individuals are in jeopardy from construction equipment and hazards associated with other general construction activities. They also represent a danger to the construction personnel who may be distracted by dealing with members of the public while engaged in dangerous work. The closure is also necessary during non-work hours (24 hours) because incomplete construction activities result in danger zones such as open trenches, dirt piles, and potential landslides. The area needs to remain closed until the banks are allowed to stabilize and the hazards are mitigated.

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment because the project is within Category #1 of Section 31.12, Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, which includes Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261. This regulation allows implementation of prohibitions or closure for short term resource protection or to protect public health and safety. There are no extraordinary circumstances.

Laurence Crabtree
Acting Forest Supervisor
Plumas National Forest

cc: Patrol Captain, LE&I



Order No. 11-11-11
Plumas National Forest
Forest Service Road 23N18 Closure

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following act is prohibited on the Plumas National Forest. This Order is effective from August 30, 2011, through September 16, 2011.

Being on Forest Road No. 23N18 (Willow Creek Road), from its intersection with Forest Road No. 19N09, then north to its intersection with Forest Road No. 19N58, as shown on Exhibit A.
36 CFR 261.55(e).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Persons with a contract from the Forest Service authorizing work on the closed road to the extent permitted by the contract.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions found in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581.

Done at Quincy, California this 29th day of August, 2011.



Laurence Crabtree
Acting Forest Supervisor
Plumas National Forest

